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RE: The patent application of Metcalf
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Examiner: **Jan Mooneyham**, Group Art Unit 3629

Entitled: Ordering, Scheduling and Reservation System for Expedited Commerce between an Internet Browsing Apparatus and One or More Physical Venues

--AMENDMENT--

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Commissioner for Patents
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Examiner:

In response to two previous requests made by the applicant to discuss the approach taken with respect to a required re-writing and / or amending or canceling of the claims, the examiner suggested that the applicant submit the present amendment and for the consultation regarding the claims to take place after the amendment is submitted.

Accordingly, please find attached the aforementioned amendment.

The inclusion of 'time-saving criteria' (in Markush clauses in several claims) provides the implied energy-saving and 'trip-linking' environmental advantages referred to in "Appendix A" of the applicant's last response—and addresses the office action's remarks regarding 'trip-linking.'

Also, to assist in providing a quick understanding of the novel *networked-venue/expedited service area* 'ESAs' structure of the invention, the applicant has included a one-page drawing on the last page, entitled: "*Diagram – Example of 'Time-Saving' Scheduled-Customer Visitations Among a Network of Expedited Service Areas (ESAs)*". An explanation of the 'Diagram' is included on page 4 of this fax transmission.

Respectfully,

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